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DEPT PLEASE PASS PEACE CORPS WASHINGTON

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: AID MP
SUBJECT: PEACE CORPS AFRICAN DIRECTOR BELL'S VISIT

1. DURING BELL'S VISIT HERE HE TENTATIVELY PROPOSED SHIFTING ACTING PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR DEASY TO ANOTHER AFRICAN POST AND HAVING MAURITIAN PEACE CORPS PROGRAM MANAGED BY PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR IN NEARBY EAST AFRICAN COUNTRY, PERHAPS MALAWI OR KENYA.

2. BELL'S REASON FOR CHANGE, SUPPORTED BY DEASY, IS THAT CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE SIZE PEACE CORPS PROGRAM HERE DOES NOT JUSTIFY FULL TIME DIRECTOR. WHILE DEASY HAS DONE EXCELLENT PROFESSIONAL AND TACTFUL JOB HERE, I CONCUR THAT SUCH CHANGE IS JUSTIFIED. AS FAR AS WE CAN JUDGE NOW PEACE CORPS PROGRAM HERE MAY DECLINE TO LEVEL OF ABOUT 8 PCVS OVER COMING YEAR BECAUSE OF DECLINING NUMBER OF GOM REQUESTS FOR VOLUNTEERS.

3. MY MAIN CONCERN AT THIS POINT IS THAT MINIMUM ADDITIONAL ADMIN-ISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES BE PLACED ON EMBASSY STAFF. THEREFORE I HOPE THAT ONGOING LOCAL PROGRAM MIGHT BE MANAGED BY EXPERIENCED, TACTFUL DIRECTOR WHO CAN MAKE ADEQUATE PERIODIC VISITS TO SUPERVISE PROGRAM AND THAT BEST CHOICE BE MADE FOR VOLUNTEER LEADER FROM AMONG LOCAL PCVS UPON DEASY'S DEPARTURE.

4. BELL PLANS DISCUSS WITH AF AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER HIS RETURN WASHINGTON EARLY OCTOBER. APPRECIATE EARLIEST POSSIBLE NOTIFICATION OF WASHINGTON'S DECISIONS FOR SAKE OF OUR PLANNING HERE.
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